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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, NO. 79, APRIL 6, 1976
(SALT TWO-963)

1. HEAVY BOMBER DEFINITION (ARTICLE II.3) - US ASKED SOVIETS HOW THEIR DEFINITION TABLED ON FEB. 9 WOULD TREAT AIRCRAFT IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DEVELOPED, THAT IS NEITHER ALREADY EXISTING NOR TO BE DEVELOPED IN THE FUTURE. SOVIETS EXPLAINED THAT NO THIRD CATEGORY IS NECESSARY, THAT AT THE DATE OF SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT AIRCRAFT TO BE INCLUDED AS HEAVY BOMBERS WILL BE LISTED, AND THAT THE "TO BE DEVELOPED" CATEGORY INCLUDES ALL AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE NOT LISTED AS HEAVY BOMBERS UNDER THE NEW AGREEMENT, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT, WHICH HAVE CHARACTERISTICS SIMILAR OR SUPERIOR TO THOSE OF HEAVY BOMBERS LISTED.

2. US FOR OVER ONE-HOUR PROBED AS TO WHAT SPECIFICALLY SOVIETS MEANT BY "CHARACTERISTICS." SOVIETS EXPLAINED THAT CHARACTERISTICS ARE THE TOTALITY OF FEATURES WHICH DISTINGUISH HEAVY BOMBERS FROM OTHER AIRCRAFT; THAT BOTH SIDES AS OF DATE OF SIGNATURE WILL HAVE LISTED CERTAIN AIR-
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CRAFT AS HEAVY BOMBERS; THAT THESE LISTED AIRCRAFT WILL

HAVE CHARACTERISTICS KNOWN TO EACH SIDE; AND THAT, IF A
NEW AIRCRAFT APPEARS, CONSULTATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AS TO
WHETHER ITS CHARACTERISTICS ARE SIMILAR OR SUPERIOR TO THE
CHARACTERISTICS OF THOSE LISTED. THUS, SOVIETS MAINTAINED THAT
THE NECESSARY REFERENCE INFORMATION IN THE DESIGNATION OF A HEAVY
BOMBER IS THE CHARACTERISTICS OF HEAVY BOMBERS LISTED, AND THAT
THERE WAS NO NEED AND IT WAS INADVISABLE TO NAME SPECIFIC
CHARACTERISTICS. US WAS UNABLE TO ELICIT RESPONSE TO WHAT
SOVIETS MEANT BY TOTALITY OF FEATURES AND TO WHETHER IN
SOVIET VIEW ONE CHARACTERISTIC OF A HEAVY BOMBER WOULD BE
ITS ABILITY TO CARRY A LOAD OF BOMBS A CERTAIN DISTANCE.
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